



**San Antonio Uniformed Services
Health Education Consortium
San Antonio, Texas**

26 February 2003

As Dean, SAUSHEC and on behalf of the Commanders of Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) and the 59th Medical Wing (Wilford Hall Medical Center) I want to welcome you and your family to the San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium (SAUSHEC). SAUSHEC is the institution that runs the military Graduate Medical Education programs in San Antonio. SAUSHEC is one of the largest education institutions in the DoD and because we work together and have combined the resources of two great military teaching institutions we believe we have the strongest GME center in the DoD. You are to be congratulated on being selected for your upcoming residency-training program at SAUSHEC. We hope that the training time you spend at SAUSHEC will not only be challenging but also will be very rewarding for you professionally.

We want you and your family to have as smooth a transition to military life in San Antonio as possible. We have created an orientation section on the SAUSHEC WEB site (<http://www.whmc.af.mil/saushec/index.html>) where, along with information on what is needed from the Active Duty member to in process at SAUSHEC, there is information to help your family in their move to San Antonio and information on how they can become part of the military community. I would like to draw your attention to the information on the Wilford Hall Officers' Auxiliary (WHOA) and the BAMC Auxiliary. These are the spouse organizations of BAMC & WH. I hope that your spouse can become part of one of these organizations. They do great work in support of SAUSHEC, BAMC and WH but in addition, their goal is to welcome and orient your spouse and family to the military and San Antonio. With this in mind they have events planned during the 3 week June orientation that will help prepare your family for the years ahead. As you know, all family participation in these events is voluntary, but I do not think it can be overemphasized how critical it is for your spouses to get a proper introduction to SAUSHEC, BAMC, WH and the military. We feel so strongly about the importance of these sessions that we have designed your orientation schedule so that you will be "off" during the main spousal orientation session so that your spouse can attend without concern for childcare responsibilities.

Again, on behalf of the Commander of the 59th Medical Wing; the Commander of Brooke Army Medical Center; myself and all the SAUSHEC program directors and faculty, welcome to SAUSHEC. You are now part of the best medical education organization in the Army and Air Force.

Dean, SAUSHEC